

INTERNAL REVENUE FRAUDS.

THE WHISKEY FRAUDS IN BROOKLYN.

The examination in the case of the U. S. a. g. John Cunningham, Chief Engineer (elect) of the Fire Department, and William Davis, charged with defrauding the Government in the distillation of spirits, was commenced before U. S. Commissioner James M. Tamm, on Thursday p. m., and continued yesterday morning.

Deputy Collector G. H. Meyers was recalled and testified that some of the barrels sealed by him were gauge-marked and some were not. Davis told him that he Davis had inspected the spiritives in evidence.

The next witness was Mr. A. C. Geer, a resident of Troy, N. Y., and Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fifteenth District. He had seized certain spiritives office for sale, and without being banded; G. H. Geer came to him and requested that he not seize Davis's barrels. Davis wrote a letter to the Collector of the Third District, and received a reply (Letters in evidence).

Mr. H. McLaughlin, Deputy Collector of the Third District, also examined Davis's appointment or not; had visited and reported the place, had received no returns from Cunningham except six (shown) which were handed in about November 21. The papers were filed with Mr. Tappan, Assistant Commissioner of Internal Revenue, who referred the barrels to the Board of Warhouse prior to the returns made; never saw Cunningham in relation to liquor seized by Geer in Troy, and Cunningham never told him it was omitted to be branded by an officer of the Inspector.

The importance of Mr. McLaughlin's evidence was of little importance.

Deputy Collector T. W. Tappan was the next witness examined. He had never seen Cunningham with whom he was unfamiliar and practice the regulations; did not know that Cunningham was running a distillery; thought he had a permit to withdraw his goods from the bonded warehouse; thought this permit was given after the seizure at Troy; the barrels he seized were not banded; the barrels were never seized by the Board of Warhouse prior to the returns made; never saw Cunningham in relation to liquor seized by Geer in Troy, and Cunningham never told him it was omitted to be branded by an officer of the Inspector.

The trial was adjourned until Monday evening.

The case of the United States a. g. C. K. Chapman, a carrier accused of removing spiritives from a distillery to a place other than the United States bonded warehouse, contrary to the law, came up before Commissioner Newton at the United States Court of Claims, on Friday morning.

Deputy Collector J. D. Wonderley testified that about 9 p. m., Nov. 21 he saw Chapman take three barrels of whisky from a private distillery in Portland, near Park-ave, and start driving off with them when arrested.

John Tamm, a Deputy Collector, examined as to the substance contained in the barrels seized by Detective Wonderley. It was "potsher" or molasses whisky; he had visited the premises and found a distillery of 100 gallons daily capacity; no packages of flour were also found, and the works had been recently in operation.

Detective Wonderley stated that the prisoner, when arrested, said he was doing this to make a little money.

Chapman defended himself by stating that he supposed the barrel to be empty and not known what was contained in it; legal action was held by the Commissioner to await the action of the Grand Jury.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A JUROR—His ALLEGED SUBVERSION IN A ROBBERY CASE.—Yesterday one of the petit jurors sitting at a trial for robbery in the first degree held before the Court of General Sessions was charged with subversion, by attempting to procure a bribe in connection with the case. Mr. William H. Dalton, an oyster dealer at Catherine Market, was the party accused of this unusual kind of delinquency. It is alleged to have given the juror a sum of money for his services in giving an instruction at the trial, and made the proposition to him that for the sum of \$250 he would prevent an agreement on the part of the jury. Such improper conduct on the part of a sworn juror is classed as a misdemeanor in the criminal statutes of New-York and is punishable by fine or imprisonment.

The trial on which Mr. Bolton served as a juror was commenced on Thursday, and was continued yesterday. There were four prisoners, all young men, and Mr. Wheeler, the Gov. of the State, was present with the judge and jury.

Mrs. Charlotte Pittman on the evening of the 6th Oct. in the vicinity of Thirty-fourth and Eleventh. The testimony in the case has been reported in THE TRIBUNE, excepting that of several witnesses who were brought up for the defense.

The accusation against the juror was made by the Court on authentic authority, subsequently to submitting the case to the jury for a verdict. The charge was announced by the Court after the jury had come back to the room to receive its verdict.

Gentlemen of the Jury—I am exceedingly pleased to state to you a circumstance which will render unnecessary any further delay in your deliberations. The Court has been advised by the Clerk that Mr. Wm. H. Dalton, the teach juror, was at the office of Charles S. Spencer, a member of the bar of this city and an officer of this Court, and having a private interview with him, has agreed to give up his seat on the part of this trial. This is a very serious charge, so that cannot permit the case to go any further. With the assent of Mr. Hardy, the principal attorney for the defense, I will withdraw the charge, and this trial will terminate at this time. A complaint will be made against you, Mr. Bolton, before the Grand Jury, and you will have an opportunity to appear before them.

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